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the ex-Mufti and Muhsein Galal, the ex-Mufti's  
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Subject: Financing of Ex-Mufti Trip  
Through Syria and Lebanon  
by Egyptian Government

Subject No: NEG-1333

Date of Info: Prior to 17 January 1956

Place Acquired: Egypt, Cairo

Date Acquired: 17 January 1956

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Date of Report: 19 January 1956

Source: A non-Egyptian journalist (B) from an informant qualified to report on this subject (F).

1. According to Bashir Ibrahim, Algerian leader ~~exiled in Cairo~~ Hajj Amin al-Husayni, ~~the ex-Grand Mufti~~ <sup>1</sup> has been making a trip through Syria and Lebanon at the expense of the Egyptian Government. The ex-Mufti, <sup>14</sup> on leaving Cairo, ~~also~~ revealed that he expects to receive a considerable (amount unspecified) sum of money from the Royal Family of Saudi Arabia to be used for political propaganda against the ~~Tunisian~~ <sup>11</sup> ~~Israeli~~ Pact. <sup>2</sup> Ibrahim stated that the ex-Mufti intends to then coordinate all anti-Pact propaganda on behalf of Jordan as well as pro-Egyptian students at both Damascus and Beirut Universities. The ex-Mufti also plans to launch a new propaganda campaign against King Husayn <sup>12</sup> ~~accusing the latter of selling out his country to the Western imperialists.~~

2. Ibrahim further stated that ~~the~~ Egyptian Revolutionary Command Council (RCC) is of the opinion that now is the right time to arouse legionnaires of the Jordanian Arab Legion against their British officers, and ~~that~~ the ex-Mufti has been instructed to make an investigation at Damascus to determine the most feasible way in which this can be accomplished. <sup>Husayni</sup> The ~~ex-Mufti~~ has also been instructed by the RCC to <sup>13</sup> ~~find out~~ from appropriate sources at Damascus, how Jordanian National Guard and Arab Legion units can be used in the future against King Husayn and the British officers. <sup>5</sup>

3. According to Ibrahim, the ex-Mufti, <sup>Husayni</sup> prior to his departure from Cairo, <sup>14</sup> also promised to stir up the anti-Israeli spirit of the Palestinian refugees in Syria and <sup>15</sup> prepare them for more effective anti-Pact demonstrations which are to spread, at the right moment, into Jordan

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4. A further purpose of the ex-Mufti's trip is to examine on the spot the effectiveness of Cairo "Voice of the Arabs" broadcasts and to return with suggestions as to how anti-Qaet propaganda can be improved.

1. Source Comment: In addition to the support of the Egyptian Government, the ex-Mufti now has the full support of the Arab League. The League gave the ex-Mufti a credit of LE 500 (US \$10,000) toward his trip. The ex-Mufti's trip is a good example of the RCC's success in reconciling oppositional elements by adopting an anti-Israeli policy.
2. Field Comment: On 17 January 1956 the Egyptian Gazette reported that King Saud received the ex-Mufti on 16 January at Mecca.
3. Source Comment: Ibrahimi is of the personal opinion that the ex-Mufti, with the encouragement of the Egyptian Government, is conspiring against the life of King Husayn.
4. Field Comment: See NEC-1331 which reported that the RCC has decided to send wireless sets to Jordanian refugee camps and settlements in order that the refugees can listen to Cairo "Voice of the Arabs" broadcasts.

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